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this body which it costs millions of dollars for welfare in the field of ADC and everyone of the affiliated things and those things we pass, and I'm not complaining about passing, it's the standard of values. We pass them without really a whimper or without an objection for the most part and yet we get into a bill like this, that obviously costs really nothing, in order to reward a group of people who do a lot of things. Now, I don't know about Senator Kime. I do know about the city of Scottsbluff and that area. We don't have hundreds of people go to any fire. The only ones that attend these fires in the country are the volunteer firemen and if it is not done by them, it's not done by anybody and the most harmful thing is to get a hundred people trying to put a fire out that don't know a damn thing about it. You see I'm concerned about spending money. I'm, also, concerned what you get as a result of the expenditure of the money. If you don't want to spend anything, you end up, generally, with nothing and I think this thing ought to be left as it is in order to tell these people, at least in a small degree. If I had any complaint, the amount is not big enough. And these fellows, they get up twenty-four hours a day when the necessity is there. They man the fire trucks and equipment and everything else and I think they perform a service, my friend, unequal almost to any other segment of this state.

SPEAKER: The chair will ask the clerk to read the amendments before...

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is as follows: Read.

SPEAKER: Senator Wiltse, do you care to close? Oh, excuse me, the chair will recognize Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: How could it be line 1. Line 1 does not refer to that, so it must be some other line.

SPEAKER: Senator Wiltse.

SENATOR WILTSE: It should read Line 13.

SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, have you changed that in the amendment?

CLERK: Yes, I have corrected the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Senator Wiltse is closing.

SENATOR WILTSE: In response to what has been said, it appears that this is limited, practically speaking, to the larger towns of the state. It is not or those that have spoken have not said anything in conformity or in any way aiding small village in where there are groups of limited finances in budget. To illustrate my point, the town of Julian has a complete budget of \$600. With the increase that we have at the present time of \$270 to cover the group that they have in the Fire Department would be increased to \$665 for the village which would be in excess of the complete budget for the village. As a consequence, they are protesting. We have the same thing applies to the town of Table Rock, the same applies to several others in my particular district. This is permissive. It is not asking that we reduce what we now have. We have an obligatory policy for \$2000 for the firemen in each of the respective districts. This is making it optional with the governing board as to whether or not they would permit or authorize \$5,000 insurance for each fireman. I think that covers the problems we have in our locality and I feel that in all fairness that the small village should be given consideration rather than dictating to them as to what they have to do.

SPEAKER: The question is shall LB 249 be returned to Select File for a specific amendment. Those in favor vote aye. Those